

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

(1) JANICE BUSH, as Special	)	
Administrator of the Estate	)	
of Ronald Garland, deceased,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
-vs-	)	No. 19-CV-00098-GKF-FHM
	)	
(2) BRET BOWLING, in his	)	
individual and official	)	
capacity as Sheriff Creek	)	
County, Okla., et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

DEPOSITION OF *LANCE PROUT*, taken on  
behalf of the plaintiff pursuant to the following  
stipulations, on the 13th day of December, 2019, at  
907 South Detroit, Tulsa, Oklahoma, before Kellie  
Erwin, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the  
State of Oklahoma.

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1 MS. GOOCH: Object to the form.

2 MR. WINTER: Form.

3 Q. (By Mr. Garrett) To your knowledge?

4 A. No. I mean we have a budget that is approved every  
5 year and then, you know, that money we -- we, you  
6 know, run the jail off that money, so --

7 Q. Would an increased budget --

8 A. Well, yeah, increased budget would have been great,  
9 but --

10 Q. Do you recall if the budget had increased from 2014  
11 when you left with the lower head count and when  
12 you came back in '17 with a higher head count?

13 A. I don't know. I honestly don't recall that.

14 Q. Do you know during your time at Creek County, had  
15 there been any sanctions imposed on the jail by  
16 Judge Dowdell?

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18 A. Judge who?

19 Q. (By Mr. Garrett) He's a federal judge here in  
20 Tulsa, and if Judge Dowdell had given any specific  
21 instructions to the Creek County jail?

22 A. No, sir.

23 MR. WINTER: Form.

24 Q. (By Mr. Garrett) In regards to this specific  
25 incident, do you know who would have been in charge

1 preserving the video from the video system?

2 A. It was put into evidence. Cody and I burned it off  
3 and put it in, you know, whatever and then it went  
4 to the evidence room.

5 Q. Burned it off onto, like, a big USB drive or  
6 something?

7 A. Yeah. From the time he came in till the time he  
8 left, we put it all on a big portable USB drive.

9 Q. Did you then delete any of the video off the  
10 original server?

11 A. You can't -- I don't believe we could delete video  
12 off the server. Not to my knowledge.

13 Q. You just write over it naturally?

14 A. Yeah -- well, I mean it just disappears after three  
15 weeks or -- I don't remember, but it just goes away  
16 unless you've saved it.

17 Q. So you made -- step one, you created an external  
18 copy; correct?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Step two, did you go through, like, a ticket in the  
21 server not to delete?

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23 A. I personally did not, no.

24 Q. (By Mr. Garrett) That might have been Cody?

25 A. Might have been Cody.